



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, September 29, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jeff Brincat, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, Travis Swoope, and Roger Whalen. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Marc Laino, Bob Lang, Vitto Okoye, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Commissioner Byrne moved to deviate from the agenda to address two emergency items pursuant to Section 206.20 of the IRB rules. Commissioner Schiewe seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 7. Chairman Brincat and Commissioners Mulder, Scates, Kalita, Lunt, Sronce, and Swoope voted against the motion.

BOARD ITEMS

The following persons testified on behalf of the applicants for the award of 2016 organization licenses and allocation of 2016 race dates:

Fairmount Park - Brian Zander.

Balmoral Park and Maywood Park - William Johnston, Randy Olech, William McKenna, Chad Gettleman, and Mike Belmonte.

Arlington Park – Richard Duchossois, Shawn Wood, and Tony Petrillo.

Hawthorne Race Course and Suburban Downs - Tim Carey and Robert Molaro.

The following persons testified on behalf of their respective organizations:

Illinois Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association - Lanny Brooks.

Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association - David McCaffrey and Tony Somone.

Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association - Mike Campbell and Glen Berman.

Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation - Dan Sullivan.

Chairman Brincat moved to award organization licenses for 2016 and allocate the following race dates for 2016. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (11-0) by roll call vote.

THOROUGHBRED

	<u>Live Race Programs</u>	<u>Total Host Programs</u>
ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL RACECOURSE	74	216
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 3rd through March 6th - dark host time, no live racing. May 1st through July 2nd, racing 3 days per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (or Thursdays) and May 30th. Dark on May 1st. July 3rd through August 31st, racing 4 days per week on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and July 4th. September 1st through September 29th, racing 3 days per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (or Thursdays) and September 5th. <p>From March 7 through March 28, on 16 non- racing days, purse commissions earned by Hawthorne Race Course shall be transferred to Arlington Park's purse account, per agreement.</p>		
HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE	65	150
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racing January 1st and 2nd. March 7th through March 31st, racing 2 days per week on Fridays and Saturdays. April 1st through April 30th, racing 3 days per week on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. September 30th through November 30th, racing 4 days per week Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Dark September 30th, October 1st, 5th, 6th, November 23rd, November 24th, and November 30th. December 1st through December 31st, racing 3 days per week on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and December 26th. Dark on December 24th. 		
FAIRMOUNT PARK	42	n/a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Racing 2 days per week May 3rd through June 4th, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Racing on May 30th, dark on May 31st. Racing 3 days per week June 7th through July 16th, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Racing 2 days per week July 19th through September 5th, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Dark on September 3rd. 		

HARNESS

	<u>Live Race Programs</u>	<u>Total Host Programs</u>
SUBURBAN DOWNS AT HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE	128	366

- January 1st through January 5th - dark host time, no live racing.
- January 6th through February 6th, racing 5 days per week, Wednesdays through Sundays.
- February 7th through May 5th - dark host time, no live racing.
- May 6th through September 25th, racing 5 nights per week, Wednesdays through Sundays. Racing on July 4th.
- September 26th through December 31st - dark host time, no live racing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brincat moved to table the minutes of the August 27, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 4:00 p.m., Commissioner Sronce moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Executive Director